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Lipton and Okamoto )  
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For: METHODS OF DIFFERENTIATING )  
AND PROTECTING CELLS BY )  
MODULATING THE P38/MEF2 )  
PATHWAY )  
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the following amendments is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

In the specification:

On page 10, please replace the first incomplete  
paragraph with the following:

--are phosphorylated by p38 and ERK5 are marked with asterisks.  
Not all potential phosphorylation sites are shown. Some of the  
conserved stretches overlap with transactivation domains that